

The Commonwealth.

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THE MAN BEHIND THE PLOW.

On the first page of this issue we print lengthy extracts from the address of Mr. Walter Page delivered at the commencement of the A. & M. College in Raleigh two weeks ago. We read the address in full very carefully but we give the extracts as arranged by the Stateville Landmark. It is rather a long article for our columns but we hope our readers will read it carefully. Especially do we commend it to our farmers and farm laborers.

To be sure, it is not pleasant, as the Greenville Reflector says, to be told so often of our own illiteracy and other short comings, but The Reflector's opinion to the contrary, notwithstanding, we believe every farmer and farm laborer in North Carolina can read the address with profit.

It is no wonder that poor results follow. Mr. Page's address may not suit every one, but it is well worth studying. The tendency among hired labor is to do as little as possible to hold a place. When laborers will make themselves indispensable to their employers they will be able to command better wages and employers will realize better results and all will be more prosperous and happy.

This is what the logic in Mr. Page's address will lead to if followed.

ASSESSING PROPERTY.

The tax assessors throughout the State have entered upon their work, and a very important work it is. The press of the State is giving some very wise suggestions.

The News and Observer says:

"This is the month that North Carolina people quit bragging about the wonderful increase in values within the past few years. Bragging about increases costs nothing when done in any month but June, but if one brags in June, how can he explain that the increase does not show on the tax books?"

"The truth is that the tax assessors will fail in their duty if they do not increase the assessment of the property of the State for taxation. It is a difficult duty they are called upon to perform, but every public duty that is worth doing is difficult. It is also a delicate duty, calling for the exercise of tact and common (or rather uncommon) sense. The legislators have enacted the best taxing law in the State's history, and the Tax Commission has made all its provisions plain. It only remains now for the assessing officers to do their sworn duty for property to be properly assessed."

The Chatham Record says:

"Why is this? Why do honest (?) men and members of churches report to all sorts of tricks and subterfuges in order to evade taxation? All men ought to be willing to pay their just tax for there is no money better invested than taxes paid for good government. And all men who pay their taxes are interested in making every body else pay his share. A certain amount of taxes must be paid, and should be paid by all in proportion to the true value of their property. There is a wide difference in a man's valuation of his property when he figures it and when he lists it for taxation."

The Nashville Graphic speaks of Hon. B. H. Bunn's address to the assessors of Nash county. It says:

"He urged upon them a diligent and conscientious inquiry into the valuation of all real and personal property valuations; to see that all solvent credits and things justly taxable are listed and to see that every person bears his part of the burdens of maintaining the county and State."

"There is a tendency on the part of many to 'dodge' their duty in this matter, thus robbing the county and State of what is due. Mr. Bunn cited the action of the American Tobacco Company as well as other tobacco concerns, who for the past several days have been shipping hundreds and thousands of hogheads of tobacco from Rocky Mount and other points to Durham, Danville and Lynchburg; keeping it in transit in order to keep from listing it for taxation."

SENSIBLE UTTERANCES.

For years THE COMMONWEALTH has been of the opinion that the modern methods of education are in many respects too hot-house like in their tendencies. We have said, and we repeat, that in some respects with the latter day system the work of acquiring an education is too easy. We have all the while contended that Webster's "Blue Back" is the best spelling book ever published; and we have been inclined to hold on to the old time ideas for the best results of real, downright hard study.

Mr. J. H. Southgate, president of the board of trustees of Trinity College, made some observations in his annual report last Monday which are worth careful study.

We quote from his report the following striking paragraphs which forcefully point us back to old time methods:

"There is no doubt that progress has been made in primary and secondary education; but it frequently happens that progress and improvement fail to conserve all the good that belonged to former systems and methods. It cannot be denied that the methods and aims of the old log school house and the text books used in them, in spite of glaring deficiencies, produced results of the highest worth in the education of youth. The student entering college today lacks the power of close and persistent application to a task which was one of the chief results aimed at by the old-time school teacher."

"It may be impossible to point out fully the causes of this lack; but a radical change has come into the modern methods and doctrines of education which doubtless has some important bearing on this evident loss. Formerly education was regarded as a serious and difficult task. The idea of work was kept prominently before the mind of the youth and they were encouraged to undertake difficult tasks."

To succeed at an agreeable task was never thought to be as commendable as to overcome a hard one. The modern idea is opposed to this view. It is now claimed that study can and should be made a pleasant occupation, thus creating a love for knowledge and the pursuit of it. So the idea of work has given way to play, and the taste instead of the welfare of youth is consulted in deciding the subjects they should study. Such a radical change must affect the character of students."

The effort to make easy all text books, recitations, and study fails to produce that toughness of mental character, which gave the college student of twenty years ago a disposition to persist and overcome difficulties. Parents become easy prey to the discontent of a son who wishes to change a course of study for no better reason than that an easier course may be found. The remedy for this evil is with the primary and secondary schools, for it is nearly impossible to overcome in college the habits formed in earlier training."

"Another loss is a worthy ambition to succeed. Education is being confined to the development and training of the memory, reason, and imagination, leaving out the quickening of those noble impulses that fix the aims and furnish the energy of conduct. The frequent exhortations of the old teacher, the proverbs of Webster's Spelling Book, and the moral lessons contained in other text books appealed to the young mind and heart, and brought them were awakened impulses that craved large success. The moral labors of today is evidenced in the large number of college students who are satisfied to work at a passing point and who regard it as a hardship to be called on to do any unnecessary study. No amount of information can overcome this loss of well ordered and healthy ambition, and until it is again made a prominent aim in all early training, education must show less profitable results than are justly expected of it."

FARMERS AND THEIR SONS.

This issue of THE COMMONWEALTH ought to be of special interest to farmers and farmers' sons. Mr. Page's address which we print on the first page is good reading for the farmers; and the selection about "Country Life" is good reading for the farmers' sons. We hope these articles will be read with care.

LADIES AND CHILDREN INVITED.

All ladies and children who cannot stand the shocking strain of laxative syrups, cathartics, etc., are invited to try the famous Little Early Risers. They are different from all other pills. They do not purge the system. Even a double dose will not gripe, weaken or sicken; many people call them the Easy Pill. W. H. Howell, Houston, Tex., says nothing better can be used for constipation, sick headache, etc. Bob Moore, Lafayette, Ind., says all others gripe and sicken, while Dr. Williams' Little Early Risers do their work well and easy. Sold by K. T. Whitehead & Co.

DAWSON ROSES.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.
DAWSON, N. C., June 8, 1903.
Miss Lizzie B. Pittman, of Mullens, has again taken charge of the public school here. She has a warm welcome by her many friends.

Mrs. Bob Simmons spent a short while in Scotland Neck Saturday visiting her mother.

Mrs. J. T. Lawrence, who has been very ill, is very much improved.

Miss Mamie Barnes attended the V. H. F. A. commencement at Scotland Neck last week. She was the guest of Miss Katie Weeks while there.

Mrs. Ernest Lawrence, of Tillery, is visiting Mrs. J. D. Lawrence.

Miss Sallie Fleming made a flying trip to Scotland Neck Thursday.

Mr. J. J. Partine went to Scotland Neck Sunday to consult Dr. S. Hassell about his afflicted limb.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Branch, of Enfield, are visiting their relatives here.

Mrs. John Applewhite and Miss Edna Lewis have returned from a visit to Raleigh.

WINTERVILLE NEWS.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.
WINTERVILLE, N. C., June 9, 1903.

T. M. Hall, of the firm of Dail & Barrow at Snow Hill, was in Winterville Tuesday and carried off a "Hunsucker" buggy.

Rev. J. B. Jackson, who has been spending a few days at his old home here as well as attending the union at Ayden, returned to Goldsboro Monday night.

What farmer is there who would not purchase handy trucks of A. G. Cox Mfg. Co. to house his tobacco if assured that they would pay for themselves the first season in the saving of labor? There is a prominent minister living near here who says he will obligate to take them off any man's hands and pay him for them if such is not the case. The truth is there will not be many farmers but will own a set at least this very season.

Oxford Orphan Asylum singing class receipts from the concert here last Tuesday night were \$51.40. As a result of their visit we all feel ten percent better too.

Miss Hattie Nichols and Ed Nelson of this place were happily married last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Fannie Tyson, J. M. Blow, J. P., officiating. Only a small circle of friends were invited.

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Miss Mattie Meeks, of Grindool, came Wednesday night to attend the Nichols-Nelson wedding.

Miss Anna Speight returned from Robersonville Wednesday night.

Mr. Josephus Cox and daughter, Miss Bessie, left Wednesday morning to visit relatives near Parmele.

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ERNEST HAYWOOD RELEASED.

Ernest Haywood, who shot and killed Ludlow Skinner in Raleigh some time in February, has been in jail on the charge of murder until Wednesday, June 3 d. He had taken out a writ of habeas corpus and the hearing was before Justices Douglas and Walker of the Supreme court. The decision of the court was that he was entitled to bail. He was, therefore, allowed to go free on a bond of \$10,000 until the session of Wake Superior court in July.

AWFUL TORNADO.

Last week a tornado struck Gainesville, Ga., and about one hundred persons were killed. The storm struck the factory part of the town and most of the killed and wounded were women and children.

WILSON CRIMINALS BAILED.

The five men who were held in jail in Wilson charged with the murder of an insurance man, named Jones, have been given bail on a bond of \$5,000 each. The habeas corpus proceedings were held before Judge Brown, and after considering the evidence he granted them bail.

DEATH OF EDITOR DUFFY.

Major P. F. Duffy, associate editor of the Wilmington Star, died in Wilmington last week after two days' illness. He had had large newspaper experience and was held in high esteem among his newspaper friends. He was more than sixty years old.

ROANOKE RAPIDS NOTES.

Two weeks ago the Junior Order of United American Mechanics held interesting exercises at Roanoke Rapids. The exercises were held in Tillery Hall and Mr. J. B. Bagley was chairman of the committee on arrangements. Mayor Sands Gayle presided over the meeting. An interesting address was delivered by Mayor G. E. Hood, of Goldsboro, State counselor of the order.

Rev. M. L. Kesler in a very able address in favor of graded schools, in the name of the order, presented to the public school of Roanoke Rapids a Bible and a flag, which were accepted by Mr. J. C. Simmons.

Five hundred people were present and the occasion was one of great interest.

FLORIDA THE PLACE!

OTTER CREEK, FLA., June 4th, '03.
EDITOR COMMONWEALTH—

Dear Sir: Sometime ago I received a letter from a small farmer in Halifax county wanting to know what I thought of his selling out and moving to Florida. I know Southeast or Southwest Florida is the best place that I ever saw to make money, either for a poor man or a man with money. A shrewd, keen, far-seeing man with some money can come here and make a fortune speculating on timbered land, orange groves, pineapple plantations, cattle ranches and other things. I am within a short distance of six North Carolinians, who came here just a few years ago and have accumulated a good little fortune. Two of them are worth three or four hundred thousand dollars. A man who wants to engage in farming can buy land here on the Gulf from eighty cents to one dollar and fifty cents per acre, that will make to the acre three or four hundred dollars worth of sugar and syrup from fifty to one hundred bushels corn per acre. The farmer can always sell his produce if it is the right kind.

Hogs at four cents gross, poultry at thirty-five, eggs at twenty, sweet potatoes fifty, cow peas \$1.50 per bushel, velvet beans \$1.25. Cantaloupes and melons bring good prices. Every year there are nearly enough visitors to make a congressional district. Every family in the state might sell \$100 worth of poultry products. A man can live more easily and more cheaply in Florida than in any other state in the union. No wood or water and little clothing or building to buy, and he can work out doors a full day's work every day in the year if he wishes to. Can support a family on game and fish.

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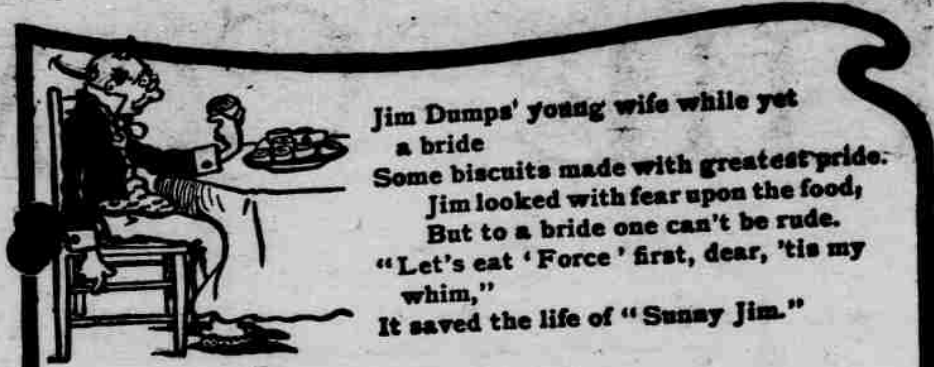
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That tract of land in Enfield Township, Halifax county, N. C., adjoining the lands of W. W. and J. A. Kitchen the lands of estate of Levy Cherry and others, the run of Beach swamp, containing 300 acres more or less.

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A. P. KITCHIN, Commissioner
6-11-03

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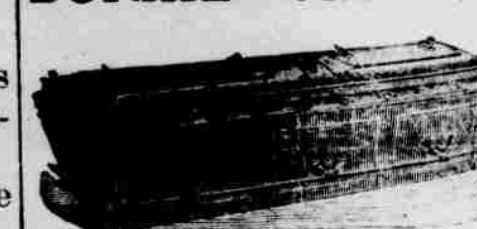
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